

**Abstract**

The illustrative embodiment of the present invention provides a method for automating the allocation of network storage. The method of the present invention  
5 enables a system administrator or other authorized user to set policies for network storage. Available storage locations are dynamically located by attribute. The network storage policy is interpreted and applied to the available storage locations. By automating the storage allocation process, the storage policy is consistently applied without user intervention thus allowing a system administrator to devote more time to  
10 other network management responsibilities.